#### **CLAIMS**

- 1. A safety device for holding a container while extracting liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:
  - a first elongated arm having a first end and a second end; and a second elongated arm having a first end and a second end; wherein:

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the first elongated arm is movably attached to the second elongated arm for enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation; and

mating portions of said arms jointly define at least one container receiving receptacle positioned between said ends when said arms are in the closed orientation.

- The safety device of claim 1 wherein said arms are pivotally attached to each other at said
  first ends for enabling said arms to be pivoted between the open orientation and the closed orientation.
  - 3. The safety device of claim 1 wherein said arms jointly define a plurality of different size container receiving receptacles positioned between said ends when said arms are in the closed orientation.
  - 4. The safety device of claim 1 wherein at least one container receptacle includes a side wall and a rear wall.
- 5. The safety device of claim 4 wherein the rear wall is comprised entirely by one of said arms.
  - 6. The safety device of claim 4 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.

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- 7. The safety device of claim 1 wherein one of said mating portions include a compliant member that at least partially defines a side wall of said at least one container receiving receptacle.
- 8. The safety device of claim 7 wherein the compliant member is removably mounted on one of said arms.
  - 9. The safety device of claim 7 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.

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10. A safety device for holding a container while extracting a liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:

a pair of elongated arms each including a first end, a second end and a first size container receiving recess positioned between the first and second ends; and means connected to each one of said arms adjacent the first end for enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation; wherein the first size container receiving recess of each one of said arms jointly define a first size container receiving receptacle when said arms are in the closed orientation.

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- 11. The safety device of claim 10 wherein said means is a hinge arrangement for enabling said arms to be moved between the open and closed orientations.
- 12. The safety device of claim 10 wherein:

each one of said arms further includes a second size container receiving recess positioned adjacent to the first size container receiving recess; and the second size container receiving recess of each one of said arms jointly define a second size container receiving receptacle different than the first size container receiving receptacle when said arms are in the closed orientation.

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- 13. The safety device of claim 10 wherein:
  - the first size container receiving recess of each one of said arms includes a side wall; and the first size container receiving recess of one of said arms includes a rear wall.
- 14. The safety device of claim 10 wherein the first size container receiving recess of one of said arms includes a side wall comprised at least partially by a compliant member.
  - 15. The safety device of claim 14 wherein the compliant member is removably mounted on said one arm.

16. The safety device of claim 14 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.

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- 17. A safety device for holding a container while extracting a liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:
  - a pair of elongated arms each including a first end, a second end and a plurality of different size container receiving recesses positioned between the first and second ends; and
  - a hinge arrangement disposed between said arms adjacent the first ends of said arms thereby enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation;
  - wherein said different size container receiving recesses of each one of said arms jointly define respective size container receiving receptacles when said arms are in the closed orientation.
- 18. The safety device of claim 17 wherein:
  - each one of said different size container receiving recesses includes a semi-circular side wall; and
  - each one of said different size container receiving recesses of one of said arms includes a rear wall.
- 19. The safety device of claim 17 wherein each one of said different size container receiving recesses of one of said arms includes a semi-circular side wall comprised at least partially by a compliant member.
- 20. The safety device of claim 19 wherein the compliant member is removably mounted on said one arm.
- 21. The safety device of claim 20 wherein:
  - each one of said different size container receiving recesses of said one arm includes a rear wall.

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